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SUBJECT: SOVIET CITIZEN CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE

1. A CROATIAN OFFICIAL INFORMED ME TODAY DECEMBER 19 THAT A SOVIET CITIZEN, MRS. POZEG, WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE YUGOSLAV ENTERPRISE, ASTRA, AND THE WIDOW OF A YUGOSLAV CITIZEN HAD BEEN ARRESTED ON NOVEMBER 30 AND CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE. THIS WELL-PLACED SOURCE SAID THAT THE NEW SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL, GUSEV, HAS BEEN PHONING MORE THAN TWICE DAILY IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS REQUESTING CONSULAR ACCESS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE VIENNA CONSULAR CONVENTION. THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE UNTIL NOW REFUSED SOVIET ACCESS ON THE GROUNDS THAT MRS. POZEG IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION. (NOTE: CONSULATE GENERAL ZAGREB WAS GIVEN ACCESS TO TWO AMERICAN CITIZENS WHILE THEY WERE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION, WHO WERE CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE AND ANTI-STATE ACTIVITIES.) ACCORDING TO THE YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL, MRS. POZEG IS A 35-YEAR OLD BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WHO SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ESPIONAGE. SHE APPARENTLY HAD CONTACT WITH RANKING (UNIDENTIFIED) CROATIAN OFFICIALS. I WAS TOLD THAT MRS. POZEG IS THE FIRST SOVIET CITIZEN TO BE ARRESTED IN THE COURSE OF THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN AGAINST COMINFORMISTS AND OTHER SUBVERSIVES; THE OTHER ARRESTED COMINFORMISTS ARE YUGOSLAV CITIZENS. ACCORDING TO THE YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL, SOVIET

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CONSULAR OFFICIALS MAY BE IMPLICATED. (WE NOTE THAT WHEN THE

FORMER SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL DEPARTED RECENTLY THERE WERE RUMORS THAT HIS DEPARTURE WAS RELATED TO THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST COMINFORMISTS.)

2. THE SAME YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL SAID THAT LITTLE HAS CHANGED SINCE THE VISIT OF YUGOSLAV MINISTER MINIC TO MOSCOW. ON THE SURFACE, RELATIONS REMAIN CORRECT BUT NOTHING IS CHANGED. BEHIND THE SCENES THE "GAME GOES ON." HE EXPLAINED THAT AS A SMALL COUNTRY YUGOSLAVIA HAS TO BE CAREFUL AND NOT GO BEYOND THE BOUNDS IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

3. COMMENT: THIS YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL, WHO IS ACQUAINTED WITH THE SEDMAK CASE, MENTIONED THAT SEDMAK HAD RECEIVED A LIGHTER SENTENCE THAN HIS YUGOSLAV ACCOMPLICES. (NOTE: SEDMAK WAS SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS; ONE YUGOSLAV GOT 8, BUT THE OTHER THREE.) IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT THIS YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL, WHILE REFERRING TO SEDMAK, IN NO WAY EQUATED THE SEDMAK CASE WITH THAT OF THE SOVIET CITIZEN, MRS. POZEG, HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE LATTER CASE WAS FAR MORE SERIOUS. KAISER

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